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SUBJECT: BALANCE OF PAYMENTS LOAN 150-K-813

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- 1. BANK OF PORTUGAL GOVERNOR SILVA LOPES CALLED MAY 4 REGARD-ING SUBJECT LOAN. HE HAD TELEPHONED FUND IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 3 TO REQUEST LETTER REQUIRED FOR DRAWDOWN OF FIRST TRANCHE OF USG LOAN. FUND RESPONDED THAT IT COULD NOT USE THE PHRASE "GOOD FAITH" IN THE LETTER BECAUSE SUCH A PHRASE IMPLIES A VALUE JUDGMENT. FUND OFFICER STATED THAT FUND IS PREPARED TO STATE IN ITS LETTER THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AND INITIALLED BY BOTH PARTIES. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SUCH PHRASING WOULD SATISFY USG REQUIREMENTS.
- 2. COMMENT: EMBASSY FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT CLEARLY SATISFIES PRECONDITIONS FOR DRAWDOWN OF SUBJECT LOAN. THE PHRASE "GOOD FAITH" WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE GOP THE POSSIBILITY OF DRAWING AGAINST THE LOAN PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF AN IMF AGREEMENT. NOW THAT AGREEMENT EXISTS, EMBASSY PRECONFIDENTIAL

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SUMES THAT THAT AGREEMENT CONSTITUTES AMPLE SATISFACTION OF OUR LOAN PRECONDITION. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE FUND AND EXPRESS USG WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT A FUND LETTER, EVEN THOUGH LETTER DOES NOT USE THE EXPRESSION "GOOD FAITH."
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